

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture  
August 1, 2007  
Conference Call

Members Present: Gene Hardy, Vice President  
Juan Reyes  
Jim Mickelson  
Joe Thomas  
Dalin Winters  
Dave Graham  
Jim Bennage

Members Absent: John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture  
Jack Corson, President  
Patrick Zimmerer  
David Largent  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture  
Ryan Lance, Governor Freudenthal's Office

WDA Staff Present: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary  
Jason Fearneyhough, Deputy Director

Called to order by Vice President Hardy.

Jason talked about the Farm Bill. The House passed it and if the Senate approves it, the President will probably veto it. The Senate and House versions vary drastically and there is talk of the 2002 bill being extended until the differences can be worked out. Jason said the Interstate shipment of meat still rolling and of they have enough moment, it may become a separate bill.

The Sage Grouse Implementation Team met yesterday and came up with several items to present to the Governor. The team's priority is mapping. The science committee wants to define what will be mapped. Their next meeting will be next Thursday.

John and Jason will be touring the eastern portion of the state next week visiting with the Forest Service and BLM offices.

Xavier Montoya, the new State Conservationist with NRRCS would like to speak to the board at State Fair. He would like to discuss the structure changes of the organization.

Jason has visited with Dr. Galey about the 4- H Congress. He doesn't see there will be any impact to State Fair. Jason is hearing a lot of negative talk with regards to the Congress. Jim Mickelson said the 4-H leaders he's talked with haven't heard anything about it. Joe said same. From Re-people are gagpersons of it. Jason talked about writing a better. Jim Bennage said people are suspicious of it. Jason's opposition is removing events from State fair to create the Congress. If they move some of the events from State Fair to the Congress, about 190 kids will have no reason for them to attend St-fair. **Jim Mickelson made a motion to write a letter to**

**Johnathan Despain and cc the extension offices regarding the movement of events from State Fair to the 4-H Congress. Joe Thomas seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.**

There being no additional business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jack Corson, President

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